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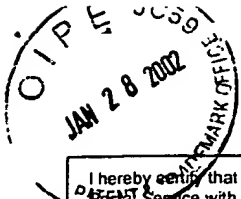
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For: NETWORK DEVICE INCLUDING
DEDICATED RESOURCES CONTROL
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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, Applicants request that the enclosed FIGURES 34b, 59 and 60n be included in the application, and be afforded the filing date of the application, namely, April 19, 2001.

Applicants had earlier, in response to a Notice of Omitted Items, petitioned that the figures be included in the application. The petition was, however, dismissed without reaching any conclusion regarding the merits of Applicants remarks that the subject matter of these figures is present in the original filing, and hence, these figures do not constitute new matter.

In particular, as an initial matter, the present application claims priority, among other applications, to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/703,856, which includes FIGURES 34b, 59 and 60n.

Further, pages 195, 257 and 274 of the present application, enclosed herein for the Examiner's convenience, describe the contents of these figures with sufficient specificity to allow one of ordinary skill in the art to readily produce them.

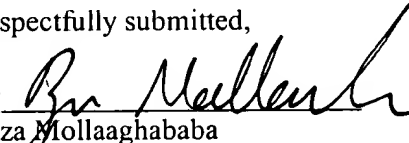
For example, FIGURE 34b, and its respective description, include and refer to components of FIGURE 34a, which is included in the present application. Further, the description of FIGURE 60n, provided on the enclosed page 274, recites in detail the entries of the table presented in this figure and further recites exemplary values from some of these entries, which are identical to those in the table. For example, the description recites that the ATM node LID 999a can have a value of 5000 and the Managed device PID 999b can have a value of 7.

Accordingly, the enclosed FIGURES 34b, 59 and 60n do not introduce any new matter. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that these figures be granted the original filing date of the present application, namely, April 19, 2001. Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if there are any remaining questions.

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